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U.S. MILITARY ELEMENTS IN GERMANY

REFS: (1) BONN'S 20339 OF DECEMBER 2, 1976
(2) FRANKFURT'S 9198 OF DECEMBER 20, 1976

1. AS YOU WERE INFORMED IN THE DEPARTMENT'S 239750 OF
SEPTEMBER 27, 1976, THE CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION HAD
DECIDED TO CANCEL DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE'S SPECIAL OVERSEAS
HIRING AUTHORITY FAVORING DOD DEPENDENTS, EFFECTIVE
DECEMBER 31, 1976. DOD ARGUMENTS FOR THE CONTINUATION
OF THAT AUTHORITY WERE SUCH AS TO CAUSE THE CSC TO EXTEND
THE AUTHORITY TO JANUARY 31, 1977, IN ORDER TO PERMIT DOD
TO PRESENT ADDITIONAL ARGUMENTS.

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2. ON JANUARY 14, DOD WAS SUCCESSFUL IN PERSUADING CSC TO
EXTEND THE SPECIAL HIRING AUTHORITY TO JUNE 30, 1977, PEND-
ING INVESTIGATION OF UNRESOLVED ISSUES. AMONG OTHER ARGU-
MENTS, DOD CLAIMS THAT CANCELLATION OF THE SPECIAL HIRING
AUTHORITY WOULD HAVE AN ADVERSE IMPACT ON STATUS OF FORCES
AGREEMENT WITH THE FRG.

3. SPEAKING ONLY FROM THE ASPECT OF PERSONNEL POLICY, THE DEPARTMENT AGREES WITH THE CSC THAT THE CURRENT OVERSEAS HIRING PRACTICES OF DOD FAVOR UNDULY ONE GROUP OF AMERICANS (DOD DEPENDENTS) OVER ALL OTHER AMERICAN CITIZENS, INCLUDING DEPENDENTS OF EMPLOYEES OF THE FOREIGN SERVICE AND OTHER FEDERAL AGENCIES. THE DEPARTMENT AND THE CSC ALSO AGREE THAT AS A MATTER OF EQUITY THIS PERSONNEL PRACTICE OUGHT TO BE ABOLISHED.

4. IT IS NOW LIKELY THAT THE CSC WILL ASK THE DEPARTMENT TO TAKE A POSITION ON THIS ISSUE. IN ANTICIPATION OF THAT REQUEST, THE DEPARTMENT WOULD LIKE THE EMBASSY'S ASSESSMENT OF THE IMPACT THAT ABOLITION OF THE SPECIAL HIRING AUTHORITY WOULD HAVE ON U.S.-FRG RELATIONS, ESPECIALLY WITH REGARD TO SOFA.

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